

Plant List for Far East Escape

Obviously, where you live determines what plants to use. We're going to give you a general list to show your landscaper or nursery. We strongly recommend you show them your Far East Escape Design Plan and get their recommendations also.

Far East Escape is tranquil, contemplative, and meditative. No color explosions here. Everything is subtle, soothing, and harmonious.

At your main entrance plant several Yoshino Cherry trees with Junipers underneath them. As these mature, the falling Cherry blossoms will cover the Junipers with a gorgeous layer of white blossoms that look like snow. Repeat this part of the plan in the other front corner. Along the back of your home, use Blue Rug Junipers as a ground cover under the Bonsai tables. Plant a Japanese Maple at the corner. Along the fence plant a drift of Stargazer Lilies.

In front of the Bamboo hedge plant some white Hibiscus for big showy flowers in the summer. At the entrance to the pagoda we show a Japanese Maple collection. Our favorites are Garnet, Beni Shichihenge, Butterfly, Osakazuki, Seiryu, Oregon Sunset, Fireglow, Autumn Moon, Bloodgood, and Inazuma. Plant a few Blue Rug Junipers around the stone lantern.

In the tranquility garden, use a couple of Purple Sand Cherries to frame the view, with Firepower Nandina along the stream, and Blue Rug Junipers along the edge of the boulders, and Cotoneaster mixed in among the boulders. This combination should add the look of a distant mountain range.

Along the back fence plant several Gold-tipped Junipers about eight feet apart. Plant an interesting Pine or Spruce as a specimen tree. The gold and blue will look gorgeous together.



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Now to the meditation garden. At one entrance plant more white Hibiscus on each side of the arbor. Have a Bamboo hedge between the arches with some more Stargazer Lilies in front. At the other entrance plant a row of Daylilies and a few Blue Rug Junipers. Use a Crimson Queen Japanese Maple next to one of the boulders. At each outside corner, along the fence, plant a different Japanese Maple. For a beautiful border hedge inside the meditation garden plant a lot of Nandina Domestica and several other varieties of Nandina, like Firepower or Harbor Dwarf. This will be lovely year round.

In the planting spiral use Daffodil, Tulip, and a Daylily collection for several months of wonderful flowers to stroll among. Around the secret bench plant a collection of colorful Caladiums each year.

Around the pond plant Sweet Kate Spiderwort with its chartreuse leaves and pretty blue flowers. In front of and among the rocks, Pansies, Petunias, and Mums would be lovely.

In your various containers, we recommend using the “thriller, filler, spiller” concept. Have a dramatic, tall center plant. Plant several fillers around its base, and add plants that run or spill over the edge. Another favorite way to plant containers is to use one plant in several colors. For instance, plant purple Petunias in one, pink in another, and white in another.

